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Invention: COMBINATION SIS AND
VACUUM BANDAGE AND
METHOD

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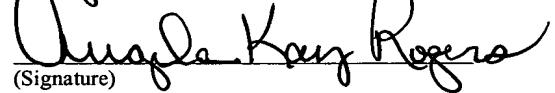
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ELECTION OF SPECIES AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of May 22, 2002, the following is submitted:

ELECTION OF SPECIES

Applicant elects the Group I (claims 1, 2, 6-9, 14-18, 27, 28, and 30-37) as required by
37 CFR 1.143, although Applicant respectfully submits that the line drawing between "collagen
matrix" and "SIS" is hard to accept, and very hard to explain to the client paying the cost.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 3, 4, 5, 10-13, 19-26, 29 and 38 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Under 37 CFR §1.121(c)(1)(i), please add new claims 39-43 as follows:

39. (New) A method for promoting wound healing comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a collagen matrix layer adapted to be placed on a wound and a cover to be placed over the wound to provide a vacuum space above the wound, and
- (b) creating a vacuum within the vacuum space to controllably draw blood from the wound into the collagen matrix layer placed on the wound.

40. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the vacuum is applied at intervals of application and non-application to controllably draw fluid from the wound into the collagen matrix.

41. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the vacuum source is applied at a constant rate to controllably draw blood from the wound into the collagen matrix.

42. (New) A wound care bandage comprising:

- (a) a collagen matrix layer adapted to be placed on a wound, and
- (b) a cover configured to be placed over the wound and the matrix layer to provide a vacuum space between the matrix layer and an inside surface of the cover, the space being connectable to a vacuum source.

43. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the vacuum is generated for a sufficient period of time to begin integration of the first said collagen matrix layer into the wound surface, and further comprising the step of placing a second collagen matrix layer over the location of the first said collagen matrix layer.

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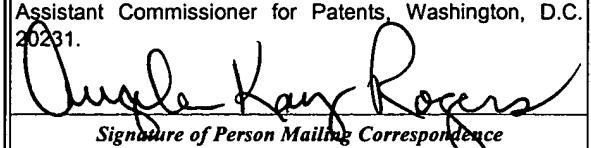


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